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**Report Highlights:**

China's imports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products climbed an additional \$3 billion during September 2004 to a total of \$26.7 billion for the first nine months of the year. Customs data indicates U.S. origin imports surpassed \$6.2 billion. Worldwide imports consist primarily of oilseeds, cotton, and vegetable oils. Japan, at \$5.9 billion, is the largest export destination for Chinese agricultural, fishery and forestry products that, in total, reached a total export value of \$19.4 billion. Exports primarily consist of processed products with a large portion from the aquatic product sector.

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**Executive Summary**

The objective of this report is to provide greater insight and information concerning the kind and value of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products China buys and sells. This report updates information provided in last month's report (CH4047). Readers should be aware data will not exactly match other countries export statistics due to timing of exports (e.g. trade recorded in an exporting country at the end of one month or year might not be recorded in China's records until the following month or year). Furthermore, values from one country to another may vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g. FOB versus CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to China and China's re-exports from those locations.

China Customs data indicates agricultural, fishery and forestry product imports reached \$26.7 billion in the first nine months of the year. September 2004 imports were nearly \$3 billion. Year to date exports reached \$19.4 billion, of which \$2.4 billion was during September 2004.

Many of the commodities China imports are for its large processing sector that are turned into non-agricultural commodities and exported (e.g. textiles, furniture, and consumer goods like leather shoes).

## Imports

China Customs recorded imports for all goods surpassed \$411 billion in the first nine months of 2004 with agricultural, fishery, and forestry product imports accounting for over six percent of total imported products. Year to date imports are forty-three percent higher than last year at this time and already surpassed complete calendar year 2003 imports.

### China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Country

Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$ Million) January-September				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	12,381	18,667	26,770
1	United States	2,094	3,884	6,243
2	Brazil	638	1,828	2,420
3	Argentina	567	1,867	2,112
4	Malaysia	976	1,525	1,872
5	Australia	1,032	948	1,866
6	Russia	1,335	1,345	1,682
7	Thailand	731	1,013	1,486
8	Indonesia	672	908	1,237
9	Canada	456	419	1,169
10	New Zealand	385	543	731
Source: China Customs				

### China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Entering Port

Top-Ten Locations for Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports by Port (\$ Million) January-September				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	12,381	18,667	26,770
1	Qingdao	1,845	3,555	5,072
2	Shanghai	1,756	2,381	3,785
3	Nanjing	1,417	2,650	3,774
4	Tianjin	901	1,315	2,372
5	Shenzhen	1,470	1,746	1,876
6	Huangpu	840	1,046	1,816
7	Dalian	710	1,054	1,440
8	Guangzhou	643	894	857
9	Ningbo	256	509	799
10	Xiamen	214	435	599
Source: China Customs				

**China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Harmonized System Code**

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 Digits from the World (\$ Million) January-September					
Rank	HS Code	Description	2002	2003	2004
		Imports of Worldwide Ag., Fish and Forestry	12,381	18,667	26,770
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	8,256	14,017	21,343
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,998	3,372	3,772
		All Aquatic (edible)	1,127	1,278	1,655
1	120100	Soybeans	1,586	4,492	5,157
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	94	817	3,006
3	151190	Palm Oil, not chemically modified	596	1,077	1,380
4	150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	131	617	1,242
5	440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	759	716	872
6	510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	441	419	693
7	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine greater than 16 kg	276	377	627
8	400122	Rubber, natural, technically specified (TSNR)	185	371	619
9	100110	Wheat, Durum	81	53	605
10	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	407	467	585

Source: China Customs

**China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by Harmonized System Code**

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 Digits from the US (\$ Million) January-September					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		Imports of U.S. Ag., Fish and Forestry	2,094	3,884	6,243
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	1,833	3,568	5,759
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	184	219	287
		All Aquatic (edible)	77	97	196
1	120100	Soybeans	634	1,593	2,279
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	46	476	1,694
3	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine heavier than 16 kg	219	279	413
4	100190	Wheat, non-Durum, meslin	5	0	223
5	100110	Wheat, Durum	17	17	211
6	210690	Miscellaneous edible preparations, other	27	116	154
7	440799	Wood, nonconiferous, not elsewhere specified	110	112	135
8	020649	Swine, frozen, other	22	45	75
9	020714	Chicken, frozen cuts and edible offal	255	280	59
10	030360	Fish, cod, frozen except fillets	11	19	52

Source: China Customs

## Exports

Year to date exports of all goods surpassed \$416 billion with nearly 4.6 percent of exports considered agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities. The export of agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities listed in this report does not include finished products like woven or knit apparel, furniture, bedding, or footwear that are often manufactured from agricultural goods. Year to date comparisons reveals export increased approximately fourteen percent and that they are on track to reach 2003 complete calendar year exports of \$24.6 billion.

### China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports to the World by Country

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Country (\$ Million) January-September				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	14,517	16,977	19,400
1	Japan	4,753	4,888	5,884
2	United States	1,629	2,105	2,664
3	Hong Kong	1,637	1,673	2,016
4	Korea, South	1,439	1,709	1,511
5	Germany	377	507	592
6	Russia	301	417	420
7	United Kingdom	207	283	377
8	Malaysia	424	461	375
9	Netherlands	258	311	346
10	Indonesia	360	362	333
Source: China Customs				

### China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports to the World by Departure Port

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Port (\$ Million) January-September				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	14,517	16,977	19,400
1	Qingdao	3,112	3,770	4,548
2	Dalian	2,094	2,736	2,520
3	Shanghai	1,821	1,992	2,517
4	Shenzhen	1,380	1,534	1,821
5	Tianjin	1,054	1,246	1,426
6	Ningbo	676	848	1,046
7	Xiamen	643	689	964
8	Nanjing	528	770	803
9	Fuzhou	482	461	620
10	Huangpu	475	467	539
Source: China Customs				

**China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Worldwide Exports by Harmonized System Code**

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports at HS Code 6 Digits to the World (\$ Millions) January-September					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		Exports of Ag., Fish and Forestry to the World	14,517	16,977	19,400
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	9,528	11,081	11,546
		All Aquatic (edible)	2,930	3,389	4,210
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,059	2,507	3,644
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	575	766	989
2	160419	Fish, prepared and preserved, other	575	493	679
3	442190	Wood, articles, not elsewhere specified	437	490	602
4	441219	Wood, plywood, less than 6 mm thick, coniferous	97	151	418
5	050400	Animal casings, bladders, stomachs	201	277	378
6	160590	Mollusks, prepared or preserved	212	259	362
7	160520	Shrimp and Prawn, prepared or preserved	177	268	335
8	070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	279	268	305
9	200590	Vegetables, prepared or preserved, other and mixtures	196	214	300
10	160232	Chicken, prepared or preserved, meat or offal, not elsewhere specified	320	313	295
Source: China Customs					